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Dear Mom & Dad,

The temperature was 88° when I went running at noon today and now (4:30 PM) there is thunder and lightning so summer must have arrived. The weekend was warm and sunny. Vickie and I ran in a 10K race at Hain's Pt on Saturday and yesterday drove out into Maryland for a hike along the C&O canal. After 45 minutes the mosquitoes were too thick and we escaped by jogging back to the car and driving through the countryside before returning home. Speaking of driving, the garage says the Toyota needs an engine overhaul because the cylinder can't hold the compression. Rather than spend \$1500 we will drive it until it must be abandoned.

Saturday I bought a disk for the computer which makes the development of assembly-language programs much easier. Normally my printer works fine but certain circumstances cause it to halt. Thanks for asking the dealer about it so I know there is a problem which needs to be fixed.

Tomorrow night I start 'Programming and Data Structures' which meets two nights per week through 6 July. We will be doing a lot

of programming in Pascal so I'm trying to get the card which will allow me to use my computer. At least I can use the computer at work rather than drive into the university at other times. Our offices are being wired up so everyone will have a terminal on his/her desk later this year. The terminals will connect to a new VAX central computer.

Wickie is taking a new job back at Cameron Station (Defense Logistics Agency) near the Watergate on Duke St. The job is permanent and a promotion to GS-11. She is sorry to leave the Mall but will appreciate a shorter commute, better job, and many acquaintances. She will start 5 July.

We've signed up for a charter flight to London departing 19 Aug and returning 27 Aug. This will be a true vacation and we will certainly appreciate the cooler weather by then.

Love,

Jim

P.S. We put up our place for rent at the State Dept & Pentagon. If someone will pay \$1200/mo. we will rent a house for \$800, save \$600/mo. and get tax advantages.